

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Randy Cole, Kevin Beekman, Ann Tucker and Casey Kane.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, Katye North, Parking Planner, Ray Hayhurst, Complete Street Coordinator, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: Item number 6 was deferred.
2. Approval of the October 24, 2016, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Joseph Schneider spoke about the speed issue on Fontaine Street. Ms. Carolyn Griglione, Ms. Carol Johnson, Ms. Christine Michaelis, Mr. Jim Durham spoke about the speeding issue on Seminary Road and N. Quaker Lane.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to establish a restricted overnight parking district in Lincolnia Hills.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Eileen Kirwan, Mr. Rich Root spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff's recommendation to establish a restricted overnight parking district in Lincolnia Hills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to expand an existing restricted overnight parking district on 1100 blocks of N. Pegram Street.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. James Schonberger spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the request to expand an existing restricted overnight parking district on 1100 blocks of North Pegram Street. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install three hour parking restrictions from 8AM -5PM, Monday-Friday on the west side of the 500, 600, and 700 blocks of South Payne Street.

DISCUSSION: Item was deferred.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove four parking spaces on the 400 block of Second Street for green infrastructure and pedestrian improvements.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to remove four parking spaces on the 400 block of Second Street for green infrastructure and pedestrian improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install all-way stop signs at the intersection of Taney Avenue and North Howard Street.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board, recommending: 1) denial of the request; and, 2) removal of parking along Taney Avenue to improve sight distance at the intersection.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Peter Metz spoke in favor of the staff's recommendation. Ms. Pat Smith spoke in favor of the request of installing All-Way Stop signs.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to remove two parking spaces on both Taney Avenue approaches to the intersection to improve sight distance. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of the Biennial review and public hearing on conditions within the Alexandria taxicab industry.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Mulualen Desta, Mr. Aluca Asfan, Mr. Mujahid Ahmad, Mr. Christopher Spera, Mr. Chand Dodhy spoke about the challenges facing the industry and the impacts TNCs have had on the taxicab market.

10. **ISSUE:** Consideration of staff recommendations on the proposed changes to Part II, Title 9, Chapter 12 of the City Code and the City manager Regulations.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

BOARD ACTION:

1. Mr. Cane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to increase the time an authorization can be vacant before termination from 90 days to 18 months. The motion carried unanimously.
 2. Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cane to approve to increase the age limit for taxicab vehicles from 8 model years to 10 model years of age in City Code, and to 12 years for hybrid or other alternative fuel vehicles in the City Manager regulations. The motion carried unanimously.
 3. Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to retain the industry fees and ask City staff to perform a comprehensive review of industry fees and have those new fees in place by the next billing cycle, February 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
 4. Mr. Schuyler made a motion seconded by Mr. Cole directing staff to engage with state officials to better align state and local regulations to assure TNCs provide better access to the disabled community and improve rider safety through stronger TNC driver background checks. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **ISSUE:** Consideration of staff's recommendations on the proposed taxicab fare rate change.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff's recommendations on the proposed taxicab fare rate change. The motion carried unanimously.

- 12. ISSUE:** Consideration of staff's recommendations on the renewal of existing certificates of public convenience and necessity.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board, recommending denial of the request and removal to improve sight distance at the intersection.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation on the renewal of existing certificates of public convenience and necessity. The motion carried with Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Cole, Mr. Beekman and Ms. Tucker voting in support of the motion and Mr. Kane voting in opposition to the motion.

13. Staff reports and updates:

- Update on Reduced Speed Limits on Seminary Road and Quaker Lane.

Discussion: Mr. Hayhurst presented the update to the Board.

Board Action: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to ask staff to provide educational short and long term solution to reduce speed